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QTL and Leptin Receptor candidate gene analysis in pigs

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The leptin receptor gene (LEPR) is a candidate for traits related to growth and body composition, and it is located on SSC6 in a region where several QTL have been detected. The aims of this work were: a) to verify these QTL on a larger sample of animals and generations and b) to examine the effects of the LEPR variants on fatness and body composition traits, to evaluate the causality of the polymorphisms analyzed respect to the QTL. Three missense polymorphisms, located on exons 4 (T69M), 9 (D382A), and 14 (L663F), have been genotyped by pyrosequencing in a cross between Landrace and Iberian pigs comprising 33 F₀, 70 F₁, 418 F₂, 86 F₃, and 128 individuals coming from the backcross of four F₂ males with 24 Landrace females. Thirteen microsatellites and one SNP on *MC1R* gene were also genotyped. Traits analyzed were: backfat thickness (BFT), intramuscular fat percentage (IMF), and eye muscle area (MA). Four statistical models were used. For the QTL study, a QTL detection model with sex and batch as fixed effects and a two-QTL model were applied. For the candidate gene study, an animal model with the effect of LEPR alleles, and a QTL model including the effect of LEPR haplotypes as fixed effects were evaluated. The results support the presence of two QTL on SSC6, one affecting BFT (position 60 cM), and the other and more significant one affecting BFT, IMF, and MA (position 130 cM). Results also confirm the implication of LEPR gene variants on the variability of these traits. The Iberian LEPR haplotype increases BFT and reduces MA. Functional studies are required to explain the effects observed.

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